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Strong beginnings, growing habits and shared ambition

Dear families,

I hope you have had a good week.

It has been another positive week at Bishop Justus, and I continue to be very proud of how our students are approaching their learning. Across the week, senior leaders have led worship, sharing personal stories about **resilience, determination and perseverance**. These insights have given students an opportunity to reflect on the challenges they may face and the importance of continuing to move forward when things are difficult.

Worship has also been a chance to reflect on how well the term has started. We have shared with students how pleased we are with the way they are looking after their exercise books, taking greater pride in their handwriting and presentation, wearing their uniform well and engaging positively in lessons. These things may seem small, but **care and attention to detail matter**. We need to keep expectations high and our routines strong so that these positive behaviours become habits. When expectations are high and consistently applied, **everyone benefits**.

This links closely to our virtue of **Hope: We keep going. We improve. We don't give up**. Building successful habits takes time and effort. Our message to students is that they should not simply aim to meet expectations today but keep improving every day. **Success sticks**.

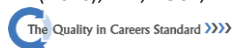
On Thursday, we welcomed families to our Year 12 Information Evening. It was an important opportunity to explain more about sixth form and the strong study habits needed for successful post-16 education. It was wonderful to see students, families and staff coming together as a school community. Our Year 13 students, **Inara and Sooban**, were particularly exceptional, sharing their experiences with confidence and authenticity and offering practical advice to those beginning their sixth-form journey.

I also had the pleasure of visiting **Trinity Church of England Primary School** next door, where I met Year 6 pupils and their families. I spoke about the importance of having a strong local school and the opportunity we offer to continue experiencing a high-quality Church of England education with us.

Our **Open Evening next Tuesday evening from 6pm** is a wonderful opportunity for families considering their secondary school choices to come into Bishop Justus, meet our staff and students, see our school in action and experience what makes our Church of England education distinctive. **I warmly invite you to join us.**

Success through Faith, Love and Learning

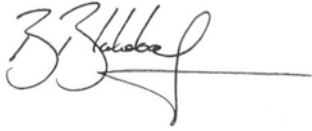
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Being at the heart of our community, serving it well and helping young people flourish is central to what we want our school to be. **I hope to welcome many of you next week.**

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'B Blaklock', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Mr B Blaklock
Headteacher